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In regards to Microsoft's donations of computer equipment to schools, I think it would be a great idea to supply open source Linux software rather than proprietary MS software. For one thing, future upgrades of Microsoft software will be expensive, whereas open source software upgrades are better than free. Furthermore, open sourced software is effectively in the public domain. Thus, no one group or person will profit from this move. Finally, kids will learn more from a Linux box than they will from a Windows box. On a windows machine you learn how to use windows. On a Linux machine you can see the whole computer in front of you. In biology class, we dissected frogs in order to learn about anatomy. This is the kind of thing kids could do with a Linux computer.

My two bits,
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